

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are original Claims. Claims 5-11 and 12-13 have been amended herein. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 5-11 have been renumbered due a typographical error in the original application. Claims 12 now depends from Claim 11 and Claim 13 depends from Claim 12. I respectfully submit that the total number of independent claims, after amendment, is 2 and the total number of dependent claims is 11. Support for the amended claims 12-13 is found at least in the instant specification (see page 13, lines 5- 8 and page 14, lines 20-21).

CONCLUSION

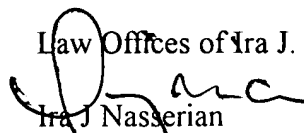
In light of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the notice of Non-Compliance.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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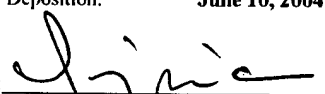
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